

September 18, 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

Former Ambassador Bohlen

You instructed me to investigate a possible telephone call to or office call from former Ambassador Bohlen. Ambassador Bohlen has just undergone an operation during which a malignancy was discovered. The immediate prognosis is reasonably good; however, the Ambassador is still in much pain and under heavy sedation so that it is unpredictable as to when he would be in shape to talk on the telephone, and more unpredictable with respect to a possible office call. The doctors expect him to have recovered well enough by next week to receive a telephone call.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the foregoing, I recommend that we watch the situation for the next week with a view towards your speaking to him on the telephone during the latter part of the week of September 25th. I will forward an appropriate memorandum with talking points at that time.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

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